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I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WILL SOON BE TRAVELLING TO MOSCOW,
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THIS IS A PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TIME IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. DESPITE THE TENOR OF MUCH PUBLIC COMMENTARY IN RECENT MONTHS, I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS IN A NUMBER OF AREAS, INCLUDING THE LIMITING OF MILITARY FORCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND THE ENDING OF NUCLEAR TESTING. I AM COMMITTED TO BUILDING ON WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR, IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE RISKS OF WAR, PLACE FIRM LIMITS ON THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE, AND CREATE AN ENDURING BASIS FOR U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. I HOPE YOU WILL ASSURE SOVIET LEADERS OF MY COMMITMENT. WE ARE PREPARED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON A BROAD FRONT, ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, RECIPROCAL ACTION, AND A COMMON COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHENING PEACE.

CLEARLY, GAINING A NEW SALT AGREEMENT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. MANY DIFFICULTIES REMAIN; BUT I AM PREPARED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH SOVIET LEADERS TO REACH AN AGREEMENT THAT WILL TRULY PROVIDE GREATER SECURITY IN THE YEARS AHEAD. THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE TO REVIEW THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT, WHICH YOU ARE HOSTING THIS FALL, IS ALSO OF CONFIDENTIAL

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MAJOR IMPORTANCE. WE WANT TO MAKE THIS A CONSTRUCTIVE MEETING, IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE BASIS FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE.

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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 184567 ACTION MOSCOW AGUGUST 06.

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